

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (New) A method of operating a computer system, wherein the computer system comprises an application client, a first application server configured to process requests of the application client, a second application server configured to process requests of the application client, and a database accessible by the first and second application servers, the method comprising:

detecting, by the first application server, that the database is not accessible by the first application server;

receiving, by the first application server, a request from the application client to the first application server;

forwarding, by the first application server, the request to the second application server;

while the database is not accessible by the first application server

receiving, by the second application server, the request from the first application server;

generating, by the second application server, a response to the request;

forwarding, by the second application, the response to the first application server while the database is not accessible by the first application server;

receiving, by the first application server, the response from the second application server;

and

forwarding, by the first application server, the response to the application client.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein  
the response is received, from the second application server, into an input queue of the  
first application server.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising  
transferring the response from the input queue of the first application server to an output  
queue of the first application server.

18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein  
the response is received, from the second application server, into an output queue of the  
first application server.